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PROPOSED TALKING POINTS FOR AMB. ARSHIRE IN NOVEMBER 12

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ON OCTOBER 31, THE SOVIETS ANNOUNCED THEY HAD COMPLETED THE WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN OF THE SIX REGIMENTS IDENTIFIED BY GORBACHEV IN HIS JULY 28 VLADIVOSTOK SPEECH.

WE HAVE CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT SOVIET CLAIMS ARE A SHAM. BY NATIONAL MEANS OF VERIFICATION, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE HAVE BEEN HELF TO DETERMINE THAT 60 TANKS AND TWO MECHANIZED-RIFLE REGIMENTS WERE INTRODUCED INTO AFGHANISTAN --

SUBSEQUENT TO THE JULY 28 SPEECH -- FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PUBLICLY WITHDRAWING THEM.

THE BOGUS WITHDRAWAL OF THE TWO ACTIVE COMBAT UNITS (MRR'S) SUGGESTS THAT THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN IS SUCH THAT THE SOVIETS DO NOT FEEL SECURE ENOUGH TO GIVE UP ANY REAL FIGHTING FORCES.

IF SOVIET OBJECTIVES IN STAGING THE SO-CALLED WITHDRAWAL INCLUDED REDUCING THE ANNUAL UNGA VOTE ON AFGHANISTAN, THEY DID NOT SUCCEED. THIS YEAR'S VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION MATCHED LAST YEAR'S RECORD VOTE

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THE SOVIET UNION'S ATTEMPT TO MANIPULATE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION SHOULD NOT GO UNREMARKED. WE SHOULD ALL MAKE CONCERTED EFFORTS TO HIGHLIGHT SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN. IN MARKING THE SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN, DECEMBER 27, WE ALL SHOULD, AT A MINIMUM, ISSUE STATEMENTS CONDEMNING THE CONTINUED OCCUPATION AND CALLING FOR THE PROMPT AND COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET FORCES.

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